

ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

FOR

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NORTH

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Pursuant to "Administrative Order Number 14" of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, the Judges of the Eighth Judicial District North adopt the following administrative plan.

1.

The Eighth Judicial District North consists of two circuit judges, namely. Wm. Randal Wright and Duncan Culpepper.

2.

The Eighth Judicial District North shall be divided into two divisions as follows:

DIVISION 1

Wm. Randal Wright

DIVISION 2

Duncan Culpepper

3.

Any decision relating to Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, to Arkansas Supreme Administrative Order 14, delivered April 6, 2001, subsequent orders and Per Curiam opinions, or to division of cases within the District shall be by unanimous vote of all Circuit Judges in the District. In the event a unanimous vote of all Judges in the District cannot be reached on any matter, then such matter shall be submitted to the Arkansas Supreme Court for final resolution.

At the time a matter is submitted to the Arkansas Supreme Court for final resolution, all Judges of the District shall submit in writing, the matter in dispute with the reasons each Judge believes a matter should be decided in a specific manner.

4.

All Circuit Court Judges within the District shall at all times have the authority and affirmative duty to hear all matters within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court regardless of the designation of divisions. Scheduling of all cases for court shall be made by the parties involved in any case through the case coordinators of the Circuit Judges.

5.

For the purposes of judicial administration and caseload management, the following subject matter divisions in each county (Hempstead/Nevada) in the District are established:

- A. Criminal
- B. Civil
- C. Juvenile
- D. Probate
- E. Domestic

The establishment of these divisions shall in no way limit the power and duties of any Circuit Judges in the district. Further, no judge is excluded from hearing any case in any subject matter division which may come before him.

6.

This plan has been designed taking into consideration special circumstances within the Judicial District and the individual experience and expertise of all judges.

7.

In considering all circumstances and the individual experiences of the judges in this circuit, the division of all new cases filed in the Eighth Judicial District North, subject to the conditions set forth herein, are to be divided as follows:

DIVISION 1

Wm. Randal Wright

% of Cases

I.	Criminal	50.00 %
II.	Civil	50.00 %
III.	Domestic	50.00 %
IV.	Probate	50.00 %
V.	Juvenile	100 % Nevada County Juvenile cases

DIVISION 2

Duncan M. Culpepper

% of Cases

I.	Criminal	50.00 %
II.	Civil	50.00 %
III.	Domestic	50.00%
IV.	Probate	50.00 %
V.	Juvenile	100 % Hempstead County Juvenile cases

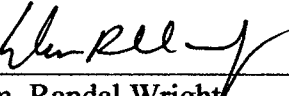
The Clerk of each subject matter division shall randomly assign all cases to the Judges of the District in the manner set forth above.

8.


Duncan Culpepper will continue to hear all pending and filed cases in Drug Court. Although Duncan Culpepper is assigned to Drug Court, Wm. Randal Wright may hear Drug Court cases at any time Duncan Culpepper is not available for court.

- A. Any case, including juvenile cases, in which any judge in the District is available may be heard by the available judge without the necessity of a specific exchange order being submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- I. This practice has been followed by the judges in our district in the past for all types of cases, including juvenile; and it has resulted in an almost equal division of cases between judges and the prompt, efficient disposition of cases in the District.
- II. The above practice has also resulted in the prompt satisfactory disposition of cases for litigants as well as attorneys.
- B. The assignment of cases in the above manner will prevent a workload imbalance between the judges of the District. Further, while each division of the types of cases between the judges is not equal, the case load between the judges will be almost equal. After the next general election, the elected judges will submit a new administrative plan to the Arkansas Supreme Court pursuant to "Administrative Order Number 14" and any supplemental orders which may be entered.

This Administrative Plan unanimously adopted by the undersigned this 28 day of May, 2009.



Wm. Randal Wright
Circuit Judge, Division 1



Duncan Culpepper
Circuit Judge, Division 2